



St. Peter Claver Catholic Community
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**Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom:
Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide
[Reflections on The Word with Purpose; John 8:32-33]**



2nd Week of Advent: PEACE: Invite a Renewing Spirit: Awaken Our Consciences

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom
repeated Friday, December 11, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom

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1. Eucharist as the Cup of Forgiving – flows from the Wounded Heart

- A. Upper Room: “Peace be with you” (Jn. 20:19)
1. Kept *His wounds* to awaken their consciences.
 2. “Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism within which I am baptized?” Mk. 10:36-39
 - a. Drink from the cup: seal the covenant (Mk. 14:24-25, upper room last supper)
 - b. Upper Room: “Peace be with you.” (Jn. 20:20)
 3. Jesus calls Thomas out of his doubting... (Jn. 20:24-29)
 - a. “we have seen the Lord.” Fear...doubt.
 - b. “Peace be with you.” Challenge of Jesus – see/believe; touch/believe
 4. Pentecost Upper Room: “Peace be with you.” Power of the Spirit set the disciples free to be sent as Apostles to heal a wounded world. (Acts 2:1-4; 2 Cor. 4:7)
- B. “By His wounds you are healed” (1 Pt. 2:24; Is 53:5)
1. His suffering calls us to stop the violence (Gen. 4:8; Matt. 26:52)
 2. Scapegoat has the sins of the people laid upon him... (Lev. 16:20-22)
 3. Jesus pleaded, “Take this cup...not my will but what you will.” (Mk. 14:36)



2. Assessing the public health of our city

- A. Where do we see wounded people in our community?
- B. Where do we as a Eucharistic Community hear the call to enter the suffering of those to whom we are sent?
- C. How does remembering the way Jesus gave us His peace through His wounds teach us how our wounds can heal others?



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3. Sharing an experience of a sickness (racism) caused by violence (slavery)

4. The Word to Encourage – Romans 14:1-4, 10, 12, 17

- A. “Do not break the bruised reed nor put out the flickering lamp” (Is. 42:3)
- B. “Father, forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing” (Lk. 23:34)
- C. Each of us will give an account for our life.
- D. The “Kingdom of God” is a matter of
1. Justice – right relationships among all God’s people
 2. Peace – mutual forgiveness modeled by Jesus who forgave those who crucified him as a slave (Ph. 2:7)
 3. Joy – promised the night before they killed Him, when he said we are to ask in His name – His name “Jesus” means I forgive (Lk. 23:34)



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